GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2412
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2000
MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL PARK IN BIHAR
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of the Betla National Park in Palamau district of Bihar is deteriorating:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this Park which is rich in forestry, wild-life and full of flora and fauna is looking completely deserted;

(d) whether the Government have any scheme for the beautification of the park and its proper maintenance; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (e) : The conditions prevailing in Palamau National Park are not congenial toconservation of wildlife. The Tiger Reserve is affected by extremist activities and the funds released by Government of India reach the field very late.
Government of India has been providing financial assistance to Project Tiger, Palamaufor better management. Details of funds released during the last three years are as follows.

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1997-98  Rs. 22.00 Lakhs
1998-99  Rs. 68.28 Lakhs
1999-2000 Rs. 78.91 Lakhs
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During 2000-2001, an amount of Rs. 93.63 lakhs has been sanctioned for Palamau Tiger Reserve.